



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **OCTOBER 17, 2021**

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Hand sanitizing and social distancing are encouraged.

Mask Mandate

The BC Provincial Health Officer has mandated that masks be worn in all public indoor spaces. The Parish of St Mark – Ocean Park requires that masks be worn inside our facilities. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Sunday, October 24 – 8am BCP Holy Communion & 10am BAS Holy Communion
- Wednesday October 20 - 10am Eucharist Service BCP

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN – is provided this week by Jack and Pauline Blachford in thanksgiving for all God's blessings and for our children, daughters in law and granddaughters.

REVEREND BILLY'S EMAIL is: stmarks.op.rector@gmail.com

People wishing to meet with Rev. Billy are directed to this email to make an appointment to see him. Those with no access to email can call the Church Office to make an appointment: 604.535.8841

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - are given today by Barbara and Charles Carington Smith to the Glory of God, with praise and thanksgiving for all His blessings in our marriage.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES – 24th of October – Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS? If so please contact the Office at 604.535.8841 OR call or email Michael Klaver: 604.541.9598 klaverfamily@shaw.ca

PRAYER CHAIN – The Coordinator for the prayer chain for the months of September, October and November will be Maggie Ferguson who maybe reached at 604-538- 6160 or via email at maggieferguson@telus.net. Please convey your requests to Maggie for inclusion on the prayer chain for two weeks or longer if you have updates.

PARISH LIFE – If you are a child who wants to be Confirmed, or are an adult who wants to be Affirmed, please contact Reverend Billy: stmarks.op.rector@gmail.com



TURN TRASH INTO \$Cash\$ - keep it out of the landfill!

As part of our Baptismal Covenant "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"; St. Mark's will hold a **Metal Recycling Event Saturday November 20**

9am to 11am = drop off and sorting behind the Church

11am to 12noon = load and transfer to Depot

Accepted items: all metal (please no large appliances nor heavy machinery)
all electrical cord (yes, strings of Christmas/patio lights)
metal lawn chairs etc.

Full Details later, or, email Anne Schreck anne_schreck@shaw.ca

WE CONTINUE TO...

- LIVE STREAMING our Sunday Worship.
- **To access the online Service:** Log onto the Church's website: www.stmarkbc.org Go to the page that opens, click on where it says: "St. Mark Ocean Park Online Sunday Worship Services" alternatively you can use this link:
tinyurl.com/St-Mark-Online-Video-Channel
OR
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8dCqYrh-8E>
- If you would like to watch or listen to **some of our older Services** you may go into the archives of your YouTube services through our Parish website at: www.stmarkbc.org

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD Please e-mail the Church Office or brian.walks@gmail.com and we will add your event to the list of events. Double check with the Office to make sure the date and time that you want is available.

Tues. Oct. 19 2pm	Ladies Guild
Fri. Oct. 22 7pm	Movie Night for Youth (to be confirmed)
Tue. Oct. 26 7 pm	Parish Council
Fri. Oct. 29 6:30pm	Movie Night for Children & Families (to be confirmed)
Thurs. Nov. 4 7:30pm	Adult Confirmation Class
Sat. Nov. 6 7:30pm	All Souls & All Saints Memorial Service
Tues. Nov. 9 2pm	ACW meeting
Tues. Nov. 9 6pm	Men's Club meeting: guest speaker Rev. Billy Isenor
Fri. Nov. 21 7pm	Youth Confirmation Class
Sat. Nov. 13 10am	Coffee With Clergy
Tues. Nov. 16 2pm	Ladies Guild meeting
Sat. Nov. 20 9am	drop off metal
Sat. Nov. 20 11am	load metal and take to Depot
Thu. Nov. 25 9:30	Set up Holly Berry Fair
Sat. Nov. 27 11 am-2 pm	Holly Berry Fair
Fri. Dec. 3	YPOS Joy to the World--A Christmas Concert
Sat. Dec. 4	Decorate Christmas trees in the Hall
Thurs. Dec. 9 7:30pm	Adult Confirmation Class
Fri. Dec. 10 7pm	Youth Confirmation Class
Sat. Dec. 11 5:30 pm	Men's Club Christmas dinner by invitation.

PWRDF Update

When fire destroyed the village of Lytton and Lytton First Nations on June 30, the Territory of the People's local priests, wardens and parishioners sprang into action helping neighbours. The Parish Hall at All Saints, Shulus near Merritt, stayed open 24 hours a day to provide a gathering place for families and a place to get a meal. Discretionary funds from Territory parishes, the wider church and an emergency grant of \$5,000 from PWRDF were disbursed. The funds were given as discretionary funds to the local parish, so the priest and the Warden and the treasurer and others in the parish have had the autonomy to help people directly.

Donors continued to give to PWRDF, totalling more than \$40,000 to date. With donations coming directly to the territory totaling more than \$65,000, Bishop Andrews advised that funding is in place for the short-term.

More than 1,200 people took refuge with family and friends, in hotels, evacuation centres and campgrounds throughout B.C. People have relocated throughout the region to Merritt, Kamloops, Chilliwack, Abbotsford and other communities. Those who lost their homes have no central place to gather or to learn what is going on back home.

Lytton Parish leadership – despite losing their own homes and all financial and parish records – have been among the scattered and have found creative ways to visit with neighbours and offer support to those who need assistance across the province.

The loss of community is also devastating to those in the surrounding area and on the west side of the Fraser River. All their central services were located in the village of Lytton. A trip for groceries or to the bank now means an hour or more drive. Those without transportation and resources are finding it a challenge to maintain day-to-day life, and parish leadership continues to provide transportation whenever possible.

They continue a ministry of presence, listening and giving help where they can. “More often than not we hear from people, ‘We are okay now but we will need help to find housing soon,’ or ‘Can you help my friend, family or neighbour who has greater needs than me?’” Many people do not have access to a phone to communicate with the wider community and local folks are doing the best to help connect people with family, friends, potential landlords, the bank and employment.

St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Parish Hall and Rectory remain standing with surprisingly minor damage to the outside. It appears that as one of the few buildings left in the community it will become an important gathering place for the community.

- article by Janice Biehn

For information regarding how best to support PWRDF please go to the website:

www.pwrdf.org

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN provides funding for lunches to five single Mothers and nine children. Please help support these families by choosing a 2021 date (see chart below) to support these families and have a dedication in the weekly E Pulse. Email or phone Darlene W. or Barb G. with your dedication. The suggested donation of \$60 can be made by e-transfer, the Donation Station, or by dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church office.

October 24	
October 31	

November 7	
November 14	
November 21	
November 28	

Thank you to those who have made donations for our flowers.

Below are charts for October, November and December. If you would like to offer flowers for the sanctuary those months, in Memory of a Loved One, in Thanksgiving for a birthday or Anniversary we would very much appreciate it. The Altar Guild is willing to purchase the flowers and have them arranged.

Please contact Kathryn Smith at 604-560-1455 or e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca

October 24	Janet Scott
October 31	

November 7	
November 14	Margaret Appleton
November 21	
November 28	

December 5	
December 12	Margaret Appleton
December 19	
December 24	
December 25	
December 26	